

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective December 8, 2004

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | |
| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS | minus 20= | * |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | minus 3 = | * |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | FEE | | RATE | FEE |
|-----------|--------|----|-----------|--------|
| BASIC FEE | 150.00 | OR | BASIC FEE | 300.00 |
| X\$ 25= | | OR | X\$50= | |
| X100= | | OR | X200= | |
| +180= | | OR | +360= | |
| TOTAL | | OR | TOTAL | |

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT A | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total | * 28 | Minus ** 28 | = / |
| Independent | * 3 | Minus *** 3 | = / |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

SMALL ENTITY

OR

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|------------------|----------------|----|------------------|----------------|
| X\$ 25= | | OR | X\$50= | |
| X100= | | OR | X200= | |
| +180= | | OR | +360= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | OR | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | |

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT B | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total | * 27 | Minus ** 28 | = - |
| Independent | * 9 | Minus *** 3 | = 6 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|------------------|----------------|----|------------------|----------------|
| X\$ 25= | | OR | X\$50= | |
| X100= | | OR | X200= | 1200. |
| +180= | | OR | +360= | |
| TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | OR | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | 1200. |

| | (Column 1) | (Column 2) | (Column 3) |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| AMENDMENT C | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA |
| Total | * | Minus ** | = |
| Independent | * | Minus *** | = |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
|---------|----------------|----|--------|----------------|
| X\$ 25= | | OR | X\$50= | |
| X100= | | OR | X200= | |
| +180= | | OR | +360= | |

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:)
Neil ROLPH, *et al.*) Confirmation No.: 1999
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Application No.: 10/673,461) Group Art Unit: 3679
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Filed: September 30, 2003) Examiner: Eric K. NICHOLSON

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A TRANSITION CONNECTOR
TO INTRODUCE OUTSIDE AIR AND VENT FLUE FOR BOILER COMBUSTION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, to which a response is due without an extension by July 5, 2005. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 11 and shown in the attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 5, 17 and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kesterman. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 5, 17 and 26 are dependent upon claims 1, 13 and 27, respectively. At least for the reasons stated above, claims 1, 13 and 27 are patentable over Kesterman and, therefore, claims 5, 17 and 26 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 5, 17 and 26 be removed, and claims 5, 17 and 26 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that all the objections and rejections to the claims be removed and that the claims pass to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1792 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned Attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,

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